

# **MAASE Finance and Legislation**

**2-16-16**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Office of Special Education Updates**

#### **BUDGET – Dianne Easterling**

- Governor came out with his first stab at the state school aid act last week. First attempt, throw it at the wall and see what sticks. Has to go through the house and senate. Includes a per pupil foundation increase \$60-100 per student. 72 million categorical for Detroit public schools, will hold everyone harmless while they switch over Detroit's foundation allowance and they pay down their debt.
- 10.1 million for Flint declaration of emergency. Part of it will be partial year funding for early education programs in Flint and GISD. 1.3 million will go towards school nurses, 1.5 million to expand GSPR....expect to fund the rest of 16-17 out of supplemental.
- New change in membership blend, proposed change is 90-10 to a 50-50 blend, 50 current and 50 from previous Feb. Shared time pupils in grade 1-12 are not to be counted for more than 1/3 of a membership which is a change. Also new language that financial data submitted to CEPI has to be consistent with audited statements or department can withhold your entire state aid payment. 4096 and FID have to align.
- Changed wording in state aid from funding children to funding slots.
- Removed penalty language 51(a)15 (penalize 10% of state aid to a district or ISD of residence if they failed responsibility for SE service to a pupil enrolled in charter in another ISD). MDE said whole thing is gone, requirement and penalty. Heavily supported by senate. Guess is it will come back through a revised initiative. The question was asked if 51(a)14 is still there? The requirement? Some discussion about this. MDE will check and give us clarification. The bill will be taken up in the Senate next. They can concur or make changes and then it goes to House. If they don't get agreement it will go to conference. It will be May before we will know.
- 1.4 million to a grant to MiBLiSi for ISDs to implement.

#### **OTHER**

4096 to go electronic, an external advisory group is helping give insight and move along in the process. Hope to pilot late august or September and then maybe do a small pilot with a submission in 16. Not sure how fast it will go with developers.

#### **FINANCE – John Andrejack**

- MSBO ISD business officials sub group hasn't met. Focused on several issues at the department right now with Flint and Detroit and the electronic 4096 so they haven't been able to do much more.
- 14-15 LEA MOE testing will begin soon, typically beginning of March. You will see something from MDE in the first couple weeks of March as soon as they get all of the information ready. Testing will be done in same time frame and manner as last year. No changes. John doesn't see us moving away from aggregate testing. Changes that

will be natural changes based on recent MOE clarifications will occur, but testing won't change.

- Flow through application should be available beginning of May. Applications will be available, any problems with MEGS will cause a delay. Last Thursday they had technical assistance call with office of SE programs and they were supposed to be getting out estimated amounts on Friday. If they get word today they will have an update for us tomorrow (ended up with 3% increase).
- Changes related to transition and EOSD grant. Teri will be talking more about these changes in the morning. There are a lot of changes with uniform guidance (terms like moving away from compliance and moving towards improved outcomes) but this has now become part of compliance. Steps that states must take within the work that they do, not only giving money out and tracking, but showing improvements. Changes that will naturally have to take place in the things that all of us do. Includes the department and what we expect out of our grants. These decisions are still being looked into and being made. He hasn't heard any anticipation that the EOSD or transition grant amounts would be changing. John wouldn't support that either. Where it may go in the future may include changes in the math of how we arrive at things.
- Eligibility requirement changed related to MOE that no longer is it just something that has to happen on the compliance end, but that budgets must be submitted as part of the application process. We were doing that through the assurance process, John believes it removed that legal language to submit a budget. Now states have to receive budgets that indicate districts are meeting MOE as part of their application. They have been trying to get at this in a number of ways, but haven't figured it out yet. They have worked through a number of plans. He will try his best to make the first year simple. He was on a call this past week with a national group that the OSEP funds, they are developing tools that states can utilize to work with schools to submit budgets based on the eligibility process but we probably won't use those this year.
- CEIS funds and issue with regards to significant dispro at ISD level? They need to have a few more conversations with OSEP but are also supposed to be having a meeting with Superintendents that hasn't been held yet. At that point they will include ISDs in the conversation. If they don't get at it sooner than later they wouldn't expect changes for the next year.

#### **PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY – no update**

#### **CURRENT LEGISLATION MI UPDATE – Karoub & LAC**

- Busy season in Lansing. Subcommittees meeting back to back. Budget and policy work that gets done in an election year will happen in the next 3 months or so and then they leave in June to campaign. Beyond general budget questions, 1.4 MiBLSi will be allocated in 3 full time implementation positions. Some money will be given to ISDs for pilot programs. Intent is to do 3 ISDs this year (next budget year), and then the following year add 4 or 5. Will see how that works this year. If they are putting in this much money it must be a priority for this administration. Also \$300,000 for implementation of task force recommendations including Seclusion and Restraint.

#### **CURRENT LEGISLATION FEDERAL UPDATE**

- F&L IDEA Workgroup mtg on Wed

## **PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

- MAASE Legislative Action Seminar (MLAS)
    - Afternoon session today –
      - 1<sup>st</sup> hour Karoub re: basics of legislative impact for educators
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> hour Michigan's Children and the Early On Foundation
- MLAS annual event at the Capitol in Lansing April 19-20
- Gov. Snyder's LA for Ed - Karen McPhee presenting on the 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm

## **ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIPS**

MAASE & MCEC co-presenting a Leadership Strand session re: legislative advocacy @ MCEC conference March 3<sup>rd</sup>

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